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THE THINGS THEY SAY

‘Everywhere you look, politicians seem to be engaged in gigantic acts of dishonesty, disloyalty and deception’

Sarah Vine, wife of Tory minister Michael Gove—who ripped up Theresa May’s customs plan earlier this month

‘Nobody trusts her anymore’

The Sun’s Trevor Kavanagh says Theresa May is finished

‘A whiff of panic has gripped the party’

Kavanagh continues

‘I actually am leaving. I’m making arrangements’

Right wing comedian John Cleese is off. Good riddance

‘Led by a ragbag army of hard left activists, Corbynistas and outspoken celebrities’

The Daily Mail on the anti-Trump protests

‘Our best World Cup for 28 years’

The Sun puts a brave face on things



Glasgow shop walkout after workers find hidden cameras

WORKERS AT the Harvest Stores health food shop in Glasgow have walked out after finding hidden cameras in an area where they get changed.

Police were called after the workers discovered the cameras last Monday.

But they found that the boss had done nothing wrong. “No crime was identified,” said a statement from cops.

Some of the predominantly female workforce are under 18.

Workers found an alarming number of cameras hidden around the shop.

Manager Karen Nicholson said, “We shut the shop as soon as we found the cameras and got the police in.”

“That is where staff got changed and nobody knew about these until Monday.



HARVEST STORES in Glasgow, where workers have walked out

“We uncovered the cameras in the office on Sunday, where staff also get dressed, and then checked the staff room as we knew the number of cameras and microphones in the shop already.

“We might have suspected this but it was still a massive shock. [The boss] monitors the cameras from home.”

Managing director Amin Din admitted to installing the cameras and claimed, “I can

monitor these from home but they have not been working.”

On top of this four workers have not been paid £2,000 in wages.

Supervisor Robert Taylor had been paid in full, but said it was still not enough to cover basic expenses.

He is worried that he won’t be paid this week.

“I’m putting together a list of things that I can afford to sell to pay rent,” he said.

“We’re doing this so new staff don’t have to deal with the secrets and lies like us.”

The workers joined the Bfawu union after walking out. And the shop has been shut since the strike began.

Karen said workers are “worried about what has happened to the footage”.

She added that officers were “amazed” at the number of cameras in the shop.

THE GOVERNMENT will change rules so that migrant workers can strike without fear of deportation after pressure from the UCU union.

There is currently an annual 20-day limit for unpaid absence from work for migrant workers on Tier 2 visas.

Home secretary Sajid Javid has now said “legal strike action” will be added to the exceptions to the rule.

Home secretary Sajid Javid

NEARLY ONE in five workers with diabetes have been disciplined by their bosses for taking time off work due to the condition. The Dexcom firm found 19 percent had been disciplined.

And 12 percent said they’d been refused time off—despite laws banning discrimination against diabetics.

MPs to protect MPs who bully their staff

MPS WHO bullied or harassed staff before last year’s general election may get away with it. Formal complaints have been made against more than 12 MPs.

A parliamentary group drawing up rules to stop bullying and harassment has said they might not apply to MPs’ behaviour before the election.

Tory Andrea Leadsom (pictured) leads the group.

It approved a new code of conduct saying that any complaints from staff about MPs’ behaviour can only date from after the last general election.

That would mean dozens of complaints would be outside the code’s remit.

And conveniently, MPs will get the chance to approve the plan in parliament.

BRITAIN HAS some of the most disturbing prison conditions that inspectors have ever seen, according to HM Chief Inspector of Prisons Peter Clarke.

HMP Liverpool is rat-infested.

And self-harm has “reached new highs” in some other jails.

Staff at Wimbledon suffer poverty pay

SOME catering workers at the Wimbledon tennis tournament were paid less than the London Living Wage and got no more money for working night shifts.

FMC, a subsidiary of Compass, was the official caterer of Wimbledon.

It paid some night workers just £8 an hour.

The London Living Wage is £10.20. But the government’s “national living wage” is £7.83 for most workers.

Compass made pre-tax profits of £1.6 billion in the year to September.

FORMER Ukip leader Nigel Farage is the sixth-highest earner among MEPs, a report last week showed.

Farage famously complained last year that he was “skint”.

But he has grabbed up to £700,000 since July 2014 on top of his MEP’s £90,000 salary.

Most of it came from broadcasting contracts because, as everyone knows, political correctness gone mad means that racists can’t say anything these days.

Nigel Farage—not so skint anymore

Nazi behind Trump stunt

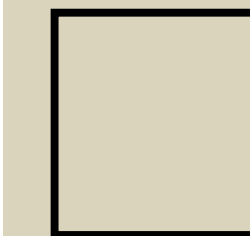
A WEST London pub planned to temporarily change its name to honour Donald Trump’s visit to Britain.

The Jameson pub was to become the Trump Arms. The Evening Standard said “local Patrick Sullivan” was organising the stunt. It treated the whole thing as a piece of harmless fun.

It didn’t add that Sullivan heads the Parliament Street thinktank. He previously worked for right wing think tank the Bow Group.

Another organiser, Lucy Brown, went completely unmentioned.

Until recently she worked with English Defence League founder Tommy Robinson, operating the camera for his racist rants.



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Ed Sheeran
Rich singer

● Has won planning permission to put up railings outside his £8.5 million home to stop homeless people sleeping there

● Sheeran, said to be worth £37 million, said they were to keep out paparazzi photographers

● But the initial planning application said they would “help to deter rough sleeping” outside his west London home

Scot minister wrong on arms

A SCOTTISH minister has been forced to admit that over 12 times more public money was given to arms firms that he had previously claimed.

Keith Brown MSP said last year that the government’s Highlands and Islands Enterprise had given £61,238 to the arms trade.

The real figure is £740,265. It only emerged after a Freedom of Information request.

Brown has now apologised for the “error”.

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Nazis attack anti-racists and trade union members

by TOMÁŠ TENGY-EVANS

A VIOLENT fascist attack against trade unionists shows the threat posed by the forces of the British far right.

Fascist thugs attacked a group of around ten trade unionists after a 3,000-strong mobilisation against supporters of jailed Nazi Tommy Robinson last Saturday (see page 4).

And they knocked an Asian woman to the ground after fleeing from the scene at the Westminster Arms pub in central London.

Steve Hedley, RMT transport union senior deputy general secretary, was hospitalised after the attack.

Bridget Power, who was also attacked, has been readmitted to hospital with breathing problems.

"We were sitting in the beer garden in front of a pub in Westminster about an hour after the demonstration," Hedley told Socialist Worker.

"We came under attack from a hail of bottles and road cones. I got a glass in my face and Bridget got a metal chair in the ribs.

"It was probably premediated because they probably recognised me from speaking at the anti-fascist counter-demonstration. They were chanting Tommy Robinson and English Defence League slogans."

Mobilisation

Claire Dissington and Adeela Khan were also at the pub after the anti-fascist mobilisation.

Claire told Socialist Worker, "We'd been on the demonstration and were really happy that we'd got the numbers out.

"After people marched away from Whitehall we decided to go for a drink.

"We put our glasses on Steve Hedley's table—though we didn't know it was him at the time. I saw then about 20 Tommy Robinson



RMT SENIOR deputy general secretary Steve Hedley after the attack (above) and a Sieg Heiling Nazi on Saturday (left)

PICTURES: GUY SMALLMAN



supporters coming down the road carrying pint glasses and bottles.

"They were really purposeful, came really quickly to the front of the pub and started shouting chants about Tommy Robinson.

"And as they shouted, glass rained down on us so fast. They threw bottles, punched, hit and kicked someone to the floor—I thought someone was going to die on our side."

Adeela told Socialist Worker, "I'm almost certain the more I look back at it that it was planned and that they were looking for people to attack.

"It was definitely because they saw people from the demonstration.

"The next time people go on these demonstrations, they need to be aware that their side are going around afterwards."

She added, "We tried to get police officers, but the one police officer we found wouldn't get out of the driver's seat in his van.

"We went back to the pub, I was

stood on the pavement and someone pushed me over from behind.

"Just after that, they left and some police officers turned up.

"I reported it to police at the scene and gave them my details, but I have not heard anything from the police."

These assaults show that the true nature of Robinson's supporters—racist, violent, anti-working class.

Anti-racists need to build on the success of Saturday's counter-demonstration—and make sure we have even greater numbers when the fascists next try to march.



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Fascists will grow if Robinson is released

TOMMY ROBINSON'S appeal against a 13-month sentence was set to be heard as early as Wednesday this week at the Royal Courts of Justice.

He may not be released—but whenever he does come out, he and his supporters will call mobilisations.

These have the potential to be much bigger than the 6,000 fascists and racists who rallied on Whitehall last Saturday. The fascists sense an opportunity to rebuild a racist movement on the streets.

The audience on these street mobilisations has hardened up politically in the last year.

The Football Lads Alliance (FLA) mobilised 15-20,000 under the banner of "united against extremism" last October. Robinson was treated officially as an outsider by the leadership



Fascists must be stopped

and far right flags were officially banned.

He is now the central focus—and Islamophobia is the glue that binds the whole movement together.

The 6,000 who came out last Saturday were mobilised on a much more overtly racist basis.

The leadership of the FLA—and their bigger split the Democratic FLA—wasn't fascist but aimed to build an Islamophobic movement.

They have been marginalised—and fascists are firmly at the head of the new movement around Robinson.

The last FLA/DFLA demonstration in London on 23 June pulled in some 2,500. A "Free Tommy" rally two weeks before mobilised 15,000.

Anti-fascists have to be ready to take to the streets against Robinson's supporters again. As a street movement, they gain confidence by marching.

By mobilising against them on the streets, anti-racists can break their confidence and organisation.

Children locked up by Tories

SOME 44 children are being held in detention centres by the Tories.

The shocking admission came from immigration minister Caroline Noakes on Monday.

She said the "welfare and safeguarding of children is at the heart of the family returns process".

Shadow immigration minister Afzal Khan said, "The prime minister has condemned Trump's family separation policy. But this government's hostile environment separates parents from their children every day."

One man was separated from his three year old daughter when he was detained for three months last year.

The Home Office has now paid him £50,000 in damages.

In 2009, under Labour, some 1,000 child migrants were locked up.

The Tories should release all children and adults imprisoned and Labour must pledge to shut down all immigration detention centres.

Shut Down Yarl's Wood demonstration
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Anti-fascist forces grow to challenge Robinson's

Last week's protest was a big step forward for anti-fascists but we must keep growing to take on the racists

A MARCH of thousands of people against supporters of Nazi Tommy Robinson last Saturday capped off a great couple of days for anti-racists.

Some 3,000 people joined an anti-fascist march in central London against a far right demonstration that called for Robinson to be released from jail.

It is the largest mobilisation by anti-Nazis against the new fascist street movement.

There was a sense that the anti-Nazi movement is growing again, and that people had responded to the warning sent after 15,000 people marched in support of Robinson on 9 June.

Around 6,000 fascists and racists joined the "Free Tommy" rally a few hundred metres away (see below).

The far right mobilisation was still larger than the anti-fascists. But their numbers had fallen sharply, and the anti-fascist side had grown very strongly.

The battle is far from over. We can expect the fascists to seek to capitalise when Robinson is released from jail.

But Saturday was a good step in the right direction.

One anti-fascist, Jenny Chan, told Socialist Worker, "I think a lot of people like me must have

BACK STORY

Some 3,000 anti-fascists faced down the far right Free Tommy mobilisation last Saturday

●Some 6,000 fascists and racists descended on central London

●The counter-demo was a big step forward for anti-fascists

●And there was significant trade union mobilisation for it, as well as support from Labour members

●Now the challenge is to come back onto the streets and outnumber the Nazis and racists when they mobilise in the future

heard about how anti-fascists were outnumbered last time, and thought they should come along to this one."

The demonstration was swelled by the clear support of trade union branches and Labour Party groups.

The march called by Unite Against Fascism (UAF) and Stand Up To Racism (SUTR) linked up with another from the Anti-Fascist Network.

The few racists that came to shout at the anti-fascist rally were quickly seen off.

There were at least 23 trade union banners on the march representing the Unite, UCU, CWU, Unison, RMT,



3,000 ANTI-FASCISTS vowed to not be divided by the far right

PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN

PCS and NEU unions. Many were from branches outside London.

Peter Kavanagh, London and Eastern regional secretary of Unite, told the protest, "We're seeing the rise of the new far right."

Arguments

"It's time for the trade union movement to get involved. We will go into every workplace we organise in and equip our activists with the arguments against the far right."

And CWU vice president Jane Loftus said, "Wherever we are, we fight racism and fascism. Let's take that into the trade union movement."

There were also at least five Labour Party banners, as well as banners from Momentum and Jewish Voice for Labour.

Dawn, vice chair of Swansea West Labour Party, told Socialist Worker, "It's crucial that Labour is involved in this movement."

Labour Party MP David Lammy also spoke. He said the demonstration would "send a message to Tommy Robinson and his crew—we are challenging you".

There's still a lot of work to be done to make sure anti-fascists outnumber the Nazis—and an urgent need to keep building a movement

that can beat them back.

Nahella Ashraf from Manchester SUTR said, "We need to be much bigger—because they have a plan. They want a movement for Tommy Robinson to lead when he comes out of prison."

Weyman Bennett from SUTR said, "Whose streets are they? They're our streets".

Michael Bradley from UAF said, "Don't think it's enough to march on the days these people don't. And don't think it's enough to take on austerity but not racism."

"Today has to be a first step. Something has to start to change."

THE MOOD on the pro-Robinson demonstration was less triumphant than on a previous protest on 9 June.

Numbers fell and organisers tried to make sure the crowd was on its best behaviour after fights with cops last time.

Thugs started a brawl with cops who tried to confiscate an effigy of London Labour mayor Sadiq Khan having sex with a pig.

The fascists and racists were frustrated by the 250,000 people who protested against Donald Trump the day before.

Kevin Carroll, Tommy Robinson's cousin who helped co-found the fascist English Defence League, slammed Khan as a "lap dog" who "insulted our greatest friend and ally Donald Trump".

Islamophobia was the binding theme at the demonstration.

Ukip leader Gerrard Batten whipped up the crowd by pushing the lie that sexual abuse is the preserve of Muslim men and referred to Islam as the "cult of Muhammad" which produces "rape gang members".

The rally confirmed that Ukip has thrown its lot in with the fascists in the

hope of rebuilding electoral support. "If you want to make a difference then you have to organise politically," said Batten.

"If you want our descendants to be free, not live under Islamic ideology, then I ask you to rally to Ukip's banner."

Loud cheers erupted through the crowd when a

sizeable contingent of the alt right group Generation Identity marched down from Trafalgar Square.

There were messages from across the European far right, including the French fascist National Rally (Front National rebrand) and Dutch Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders.

Nazis go to Cambridge

SUPPORTERS OF Tommy Robinson have said they will march in Cambridge this Saturday. A counter-protest is supported by Daniel Zeichner, Labour MP for Cambridge, councillor Lewis Herbert, the leader of Cambridge city council, and many trade unionists and anti-racists.

Oppose racist and fascist march for Tommy Robinson in Cambridge—Sat 21 July, 2pm, Petersfield Park, Cambridge CB1 1BB. Hosted by Cambridge Stand Up To Racism and Unite Against Fascism. Check details at bit.ly/CambsAgainstRobinson

Fascist SDL in Glasgow

THE FASCIST Scottish Defence League (SDL) was set to demonstrate in Glasgow this Saturday. Unite Against Fascism Scotland has called a counter-protest.

SDL member Peter Morgan was last week convicted of charges under the Terrorism Act. He will be sentenced on 16 August.

Police found bomb-making equipment at his Edinburgh flat. Cops also found a swastika flag and other Nazi paraphanelia.

Over the last 15 months UAF Scotland has mobilised six times against the SDL and NF. Each time they massively outnumbered the fascists.

Oppose the Nazi SDL! No to Islamophobia! Sat 21 July, 12 noon, George Square, Glasgow

US figures for Robinson

HIGH PROFILE US political figures have been making demands over Robinson's treatment.

In an interview on the LBC radio station, Donald Trump's former adviser Steve Bannon remarked that Robinson has "got to be released from prison".

The station's political editor Theo Usherwood challenged him on air. According to Usherwood, Bannon responded off air by saying, "Fuck you. Don't you fucking say you're calling me out. You fucking liberal elite. Tommy Robinson is the backbone of this country."

It emerged on Saturday that a diplomat representing Trump threatened to publicly criticise the British government's handling of Robinson's jailing.

The US ambassador for international religious freedom allegedly raised concerns over Robinson's safety with the British ambassador in Washington.

Driver victim of hate attack

ON SATURDAY fascist thugs blocked a bus on one of the roads next to Trafalgar Square. The driver was a Muslim woman wearing a headscarf.

It was one of the most shocking incidents on a day that saw the Nazis frustrated.

In video footage of the incident one Nazi appears to give the Sieg heil salute toward the bus.

Another photo shows a topless man holding two fingers up to the bus driver through the glass.

Some people on the fascist mobilisation banged on the bus windows with "free Tommy" placards. Others brandished ones reading "Britain Loves Trump".

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WHAT WE THINK

HUGE PROTEST SHOWS PROSPECT OF A FIGHTBACK

THE PROTESTS against Donald Trump and the Nazis who love him have transformed the mood among socialists and anti-racists in Britain.

The 250,000-strong Together Against Trump march in London last Friday was the largest weekday demonstration since George Bush's visit in 2003.

And tens of thousands more also took to the streets in towns and cities elsewhere across Britain (see pages 10&11).

The following day 3,000 joined a protest against supporters of fascist Tommy Robinson in London. Anti-racist numbers were significantly up from 400 a month ago—and the fascist rally was less than half the previous 15,000.

The threat of the British far right has not gone away. But our side is now in a much stronger position to push it back.

And the demonstrations have a much wider significance for the fightback against Tory austerity and racism.

The Tories' humiliation at the general election last June gave working class people hope that it was possible to dump austerity and racism. And millions were

inspired by Jeremy Corbyn's message.

There were some Tories Out demonstrations across Britain. And shadow chancellor John McDonnell floated the idea of a million people protesting.

But the numbers of people on demonstrations and protests has been declining.

Since the general election Corbyn's Labour has felt more like a government in waiting.

Most union leaders advocate waiting for the next general election for change, partly as it lets them off the hook for not leading a fight against the Tories.

To many workers, it seems far more likely they will get a pay rise from a Labour government than from the likes of Unison union

Use the Tory crisis to build the fightback to push them out now

ISRAEL IS A RACIST STATE

SUPPORTERS OF Israel are piling pressure on the Labour Party to change its new code of conduct which says discussion of the foundation of Israel is "legitimate".

Right wingers want Labour to agree with the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) that "claiming that the existence of a state of Israel is a racist endeavour".

A Parliamentary Labour Party meeting on Monday overwhelmingly called for the party

to adopt the full IHRA definition of antisemitism. On the same day 68 British rabbis wrote a letter to the Guardian newspaper demanding the same thing.

They claimed that antisemitism is "severe and widespread" within sections of Labour.

And that Labour's leadership had ignored "those who understand antisemitism the best, the Jewish community".

But not all Jews support Israel. And Corbyn and the left are not antisemitic for opposing Israel.

They should not make concessions.

Israel was founded on racism and violence. It aims to be an exclusively Jewish state and its laws keep Palestinian Arabs as second class citizens.

Last weekend Israel launched the biggest bombardment of Palestinians in Gaza since 2014. It left two Palestinians dead and more injured.

Silencing criticism of Israel means blocking solidarity with Palestinians and siding with a racist lapdog of imperialism.

Fascist Tommy Robinson wants to leave prison a hero

Nazi Kevin Carroll's face of hate

Steve Bannon wants Robinson released from jail





ANALYSIS

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Trump's chaos tour will unleash far right

THE EXTREME centre, as author Tariq Ali dubbed mainstream neoliberal parties, is convinced that Donald Trump's European tour confirmed he is unfit to be president. And it's true that his performance has been characteristically erratic, and occasionally idiotic.

But focusing on the admittedly bizarre Trump day-to-day can easily lead to underestimating how dangerous he is. One of his favourite news programmes, the ultra-conservative Fox & Friends, called his trip to Europe the "world disruption tour" and that's exactly what it was.

Trump had in his sights precisely the European extreme centre, and more particularly the centre right that currently dominates the European Union (EU).

Given this, it was natural for Trump to focus his fire on German chancellor Angela Merkel. She is the leading political figure in Europe.

His vanity was probably piqued by all the toadies who proclaimed her "the real leader of the free world" after he was elected president in November 2016.

But Germany is a target for strategic reasons as well. Trump thinks that the US has been systematically ripped off by its allies and trading partners for the past few decades.

China is a major offender here, hence the trade war Trump has launched.

But he said on Sunday, "I think the European Union is a foe, what they do to us in trade."

Germany dominates the EU. Not only does it run a huge trade surplus with the US. It also spends only 1.2 percent of national income on defence, way below the target of 2 percent for members of the Nato military alliance.

Trump believes that the international institutions the US has built up—Nato and the World Trade Organisation, for example—have actually worked to America's disadvantage.

So he's trying to shake them up—for example by demanding that Nato member states raise their defence spending to 4 percent of national income. Even the US currently only spends 3.1 percent.

Vanity

It's here that Trump's incoherence and vanity get in the way. He claimed that he'd got a deal to raise the target above 2 percent, only to have this denied by other Nato leaders.

The security expert Lawrence Freedman tweeted, "Trumpian diplomacy involves claiming great success with binding deals for which there is no actual record and which his interlocutors dispute."

"Interesting question is whether with deals existing only in his imagination he can be satisfied with imaginary implementation as well."

But maybe Trump doesn't care about the actual policy outcomes because he has other fish to fry.

His attacks on Merkel were semi-orchestrated with the far right governments that have taken office in Europe. They are Viktor Orbán in Hungary, Sebastian Kurz in collaboration with the Nazi Freedom Party in Austria and Matteo Salvini in Italy.

Similarly, Trump's intervention in the Tory factional struggle over the terms of Brexit was intended to bolster Boris Johnson and other Brexiters in rebellion against May.

As the Financial Times newspaper put it, "The US president is clearly intent on forming a new kind of transatlantic alliance with insurgent political forces."

Luckily Johnson is probably too lazy and cowardly to take full advantage of Trump's support.

But Orbán, Kurz, and Salvini are no clowns. They already have Merkel and other leaders of the European extreme centre such as Emmanuel Macron in a headlock.

So Trump is trying to subvert the political institutions of neoliberal capitalism on both sides of the Atlantic by promoting the forces of the far right. This is very dangerous.

In the first place, neither he nor his European allies have a real economic alternative to neoliberalism. Their most potent weapon is anti-migrant racism, and the extreme centre is adapting to their demands.

Secondly, Trump is giving confidence to genuinely fascist forces, as we've seen on British streets in recent weeks.

So it's no surprise that his ex-adviser Steve Bannon has called for Nazi Tommy Robinson's release. The demonstrations last weekend marked the beginning of a fightback, but we have a tough struggle ahead.

Care workers lose wages as bosses blame them for crisis

by SARAH BATES

A LEGAL decision is set to rob thousands of pounds from care workers' wages.

The Court of Appeal has overturned a ruling that care workers are entitled to the national minimum wage for every hour of a sleep-in shift.

It means that workers will continue to be paid a flat rate for the duration of their shift—with more paid if they're active during the night.

Such a pay structure is not unique to charities or private companies—only 49 percent of councils and NHS commissioners pay full hourly wages.

It centres on a case brought by care worker Clare Tomlinson-Blake against her employer Mencap—a charity for people with learning difficulties.

But it has repercussions for all care workers who do sleep-ins.

Tomlinson-Blake was paid £29 for her sleep-in shifts. Her pay would have almost doubled if she was paid a full hourly rate.

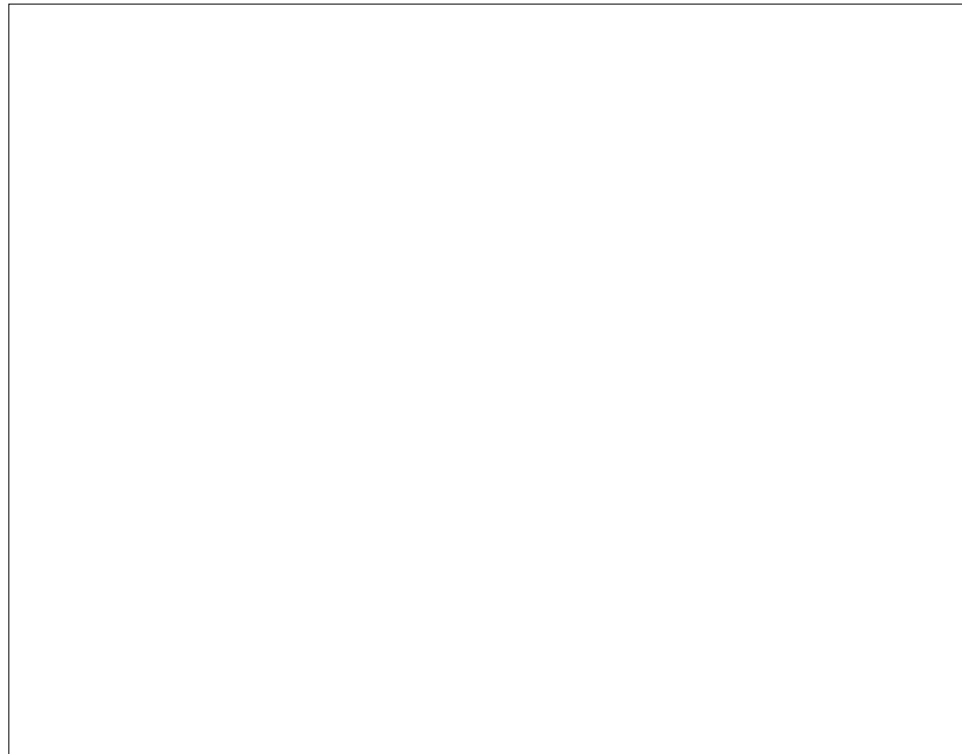
And the most recent decision means that bosses are also not liable for back-pay.

Claims

The ruling last year meant that companies could face up to six years of pay claims—costing an estimated £400 million.

Unions are likely to appeal against the judgement at the Supreme Court.

Chair of Mencap Derek Lewis said "large unfunded back payments had threatened to bankrupt many providers, jeopardising the care of vulnerable people and the



Mencap boss Derek Lewis

employment of their carers".

But it's not care workers who are responsible for jeopardising care.

The blame lies with the Tories who are chronically underfunding the sector, and the private companies who cream off profits from the care of vulnerable people.

NIGHT SHIFT for carers—harder than this stock photo makes it look

Funding for services has dramatically dropped—local authorities are spending £6 billion less than they were in 2010.

This is leading to an acute crisis, with many care homes shutting, and bosses citing cuts to local authority funding as a reason for closure.

Insolvency

In the last financial year, 148 care home providers entered insolvency—an 83 percent rise on the year before.

Owners of the Penisarwaen care home in Wales announced it was shutting its doors—but only gave residents and staff a week's notice.

Jean, who works at the home alongside her husband, said, "We're losing two wages. I've still got a mortgage to pay and when this place closes who's going to help me out?"

It's ridiculous for care providers to claim they are unable to pay workers full wages for time spent at work.

But the Tories are responsible for cutting the social care sector to the bone, with no regard for service users or the workers who support them.

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Don't let Prentis palm off piss-poor pay packet

TENS OF thousands of health workers will be forced to wait up to eight months for thousands of pounds promised by the Tories and union leaders.

A recent pay deal promised a 6.5 percent pay increase across three years—3 percent in 2018-2019 and 1.7 percent in each of the two following years. This was supposed to be backdated to 1 April and included in health workers' pay packets at the end of next month.

These promises are now unravelling. Under the

NHS Agenda for Change pay scales, each pay band is divided into increments, which health workers progress up each year.

Those who have not reached the top of their pay bands will receive the pay rise in two stages—1.5 percent in August and 1.5 percent on their increment date.

If a worker's increment date was 1 April, they will get the full amount.

But if their increment date was in March, they will only get the August 1.5 percent this year.

A band 3 health worker

with a March date—on around £18,000 a year—could be up to £1,300 worse off over the next two years compared to original projections.

At least one region in the Unison union has demanded that the national leadership reopen talks over the pay deal.

More regions and branches should officially register their protest.

And the Unison leadership should join

the GMB union, which is consulting its members for industrial action over pay.



Message to NHS workers from Unison union leader Dave Prentis

Labour HQ buy adverts to deceive Corbyn...

...and it's not the only trick that officials are using to keep control of the party, argues Nick Clark

LABOUR PARTY bureaucrats spent thousands of pounds to trick Jeremy Corbyn into believing they were running a radical campaign on Facebook during the 2017 election. In the meantime they spent thousands more on spreading a more right wing message than Corbyn wanted.

Officials at Labour Party headquarters conspired to deceive Corbyn and his team because they didn't like Labour's radical message in the run-up to the election.

They spent £5,000 on "targeted" adverts designed to be seen solely by Corbyn, his team, and his closest left wing journalists on Facebook.

They spent far more on adverts with a less radical message aimed at a much wider audience.

The revelations were exposed in a new book by a former Labour spin doctor and verified by the Sunday Times newspaper.

The book, Ctrl Alt Delete: How Politics and the Media Crashed Our Democracy by Tom Baldwin, says full time Labour staff regarded Corbyn's campaign as "a waste of money".

Believing

One unnamed official boasts how they tricked Corbyn into believing the adverts he saw on Facebook were appearing in front of a much wider audience.

"We only had to spend about £5,000 to make sure Jeremy's people, some journalists and bloggers saw it was there on Facebook," they said.

"And if it was there for them, they thought it must be there for everyone. It wasn't. That's how targeted ads can work."

Labour defied its critics to narrowly miss winning the general election with a left wing manifesto and a campaign centred on mass protest-style rallies.

Yet the new revelations show the extent to which right wing, undemocratic forces have tried to undermine Labour's leadership—and the members who support it.

BACK STORY

The adverts were used during the 2017 general election

- Labour officials thought Corbyn's policies were too left wing
- Staffers "micro-targeted" adverts to Corbyn
- Corbyn thought the adverts were going out nationwide
- The election resulted in a hung parliament and chaos for the Tories

Labour's 552,000 members overwhelmingly support Corbyn as leader. But they are faced with MPs and officials who want Labour to appeal for right wing votes and pander to big business.

During Corbyn's second leadership election in 2016, when MPs tried to overthrow Corbyn, Labour officials worked to expel members or exclude them from voting.

Labour's structures—geared towards parliament and elections—give this minority disproportionate power which is used against the membership.

And in a sign of the Labour machine's contempt for members, a former high ranking official derided the idea that MPs or councillors should be accountable.

John Stolliday resigned as Labour's head of governance and legal department after Corbyn supporter Jennie Formby was appointed general secretary in April.

He used his resignation speech to describe how Labour's rules had "kept in check" the membership.

He added, "It is not mass democracy to subordinate the will of the Parliamentary Labour Party or Labour groups in local government or Labour's affiliates—it is a tyranny of a majority."



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Tories in trouble over Brexit—and a sex scandal >>Page 20



LABOUR LEADER Jeremy Corbyn speaking at the Durham Miners Gala last Saturday. He told the crowd a Labour government would "help our young people in school, college and university understand where we come from, understand where our rights have come from". Labour MPs Dennis Skinner, Emily Thornberry and Ian Lavery also spoke at the Big Meeting, which attracted around 200,000 people

PICTURE: NEIL TERRYW

Riots erupt around annual festival of anti-Catholic bonfire celebrations

RIOTING BROKE out around the annual expression of sectarianism in Northern Ireland.

The huge bonfires with anti-Catholic slogans are lit before a series of parades on 12 July.

Fighting broke out after Belfast council demanded a reduction in the size of some bonfires—not because they had signs saying "Kill All Taigs [Catholics]" on them, but because they were dangerous.

Around £400,000 a year goes in council grants in Belfast alone to fund "community" events around the burning of such bonfires.

One group linked to Loyalist paramilitaries, the Belfast South Community Resources, is getting £26,000.

Expression

As the council put it, "The Good Relations Action Plan is to promote the positive expression of culture."

So your union jack bunting and bouncy castle for the hate crime that is the 12 July celebrations is paid in part from council funds.

Last year thousands of the pallets used to build the fires were stored by Belfast council.

This only came to light when Loyalist paramilitaries stole them

to use for their favoured bonfires.

The people propping up Theresa May's government in the Democratic Unionist Party ensure money goes to Orange institutions.

The Orange Order is backed by millions of pounds from the Northern state.

The purpose of the Orange marches is to instil fear into Catholics and intimidate them.

They also oppose those Protestants who reject the idea that Catholics are inferior.

The violence of the British-backed Northern Ireland state provoked a quarter of a century of open conflict.

Peace has brought Protestant and Catholic workers closer together in poverty while dividing them politically on sectarian lines.

Police fired plastic bullets at rioters in Derry, where at least 74 petrol bombs were thrown last Thursday. Hundreds

of people rioted over a number of nights, and some attacked the mainly Protestant area of Derry.

Shots were fired at police.

Gerry Adams, the former Sinn Féin president, saw his home attacked with explosives on Friday night.

The police and Adams said dissident republicans were responsible. The People Before Profit party issued a statement calling for an end to the violence.

It said, "It has emerged within a context of some 18 months of rising sectarian tension, orchestrated by those at the top of society."

"Establishment politicians who have increasingly stoked division—but who now wag the finger at people involved in sectarian violence—have to take their share

of the blame for creating tensions, which invariably lead to conflict."

Simon Baskett

For the full statement go to bit.ly/PBPTwelfth

An Orange Order bigot



Protests in Iraq demand funding for key services

Iraq's government has responded with brutality to huge protests over living standards and unemployment

HUGE PROTESTS against unemployment, the rising cost of living and a lack of basic services have erupted across southern Iraq.

Thousands of Iraqis have taken to the streets for several days—and stormed government buildings, offices, and an airport.

They are demanding action to alleviate unemployment, and funding for electricity and water services. Some 11 percent of Iraqis are unemployed according to official statistics. Youth unemployment is twice that, in a country where 60 percent of the population is under 24.

Iraqis in the south also face poor water quality and frequent power cuts—making life extremely difficult in the scorching summer heat.

Protests have taken place in the cities of Basra, Amara, Nasiriya, Najaf and the capital Baghdad.

One protester told the Al Jazeera news network, “We are asking for what is rightfully ours. The government should provide clean water, job opportunities, electricity and basic infrastructure.”

The Iraqi government has responded with a brutal crackdown. At least three protesters have been killed as police have shot at demonstrations and attacked them with tear gas and water cannons.

Soldiers

Prime minister Haider al-Abadi has sent reinforcements of soldiers to protect oil facilities. The government has also severely restricted internet access.

Some news outlets have tried to portray the protests as driven by anger at Iran.

Iranian political and economic influence has grown in Iraq since the overthrow of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Iraq's ruling Dawa party has close ties to Iran. Iran has recently cut electricity it supplies to Iraq in a dispute over payments.

Protesters have chanted slogans such as, “Iran we don't want you anymore,” and, “Iran out.” But

BACK STORY

Thousands of Iraqis have joined protests and stormed buildings

● They are furious at the rising cost of living, unemployment and a lack of services such as water

● Protests have taken place in the cities of Basra, Amara, Nasiriya, Najaf and Baghdad

● Some protesters have targeted Iran as the cause of some of Iraq's economic problems

● But others point to the fact that these problems began after the US and Britain invaded in 2003

protesters also point to the fact that Iraq's economic problems began after the US and Britain's invasion and occupation.

After overthrowing Hussein, the US forced through reforms that privatised large parts of Iraq's government services. This benefited Iraqi elites and fostered corruption.

US businesses also took control of most of Iraq's oil industry. Today oil makes up 99 percent of Iraq's export revenues, but only 1 percent of jobs.

The US also imposed a form of government based on a sectarian division between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

The Shia Dawa party, backed by the West, has dominated Iraq's government ever since, but came third in recent elections and is struggling to cling on. The south, where protests have taken place, is majority Shia.

One protester, unemployed 25 year old Usama Abbas, told the Reuters news agency, “Since the fall of Saddam in 2003 and until now the only real thing Shia politicians have been saying is their lies.

“We still drink filthy water and forgot what air conditioning means during summer.”



On other pages...

A carnival of resistance against Donald Trump >>Pages 10&11

PROTESTERS IN Iraq face state brutality

Two dead after Israel bombards Gaza

ISRAEL LAUNCHED its biggest bombardment of the Gaza Strip since 2014 over the weekend.

Israeli airstrikes killed two teenagers and injured at least 25 other Palestinians last Friday and Saturday.

Israeli leaders claimed the bombardment was a response to rockets and mortars fired from Gaza.

They are furious that crude airborne firebombs—attached to kites, balloons, and condoms—have thwarted Israel's high tech military and set 7,000 acres of land alight.

Palestinians in Gaza have been protesting since March against an 11-year siege that has made their lives hell.

Israel has killed well over 100 Palestinians since the protests began.

Israel and Palestinian resistance group Hamas—which governs the Gaza Strip—had agreed a ceasefire by Monday.

But top Israeli politicians threatened more bloodshed.

Israeli prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu boasted on Monday that Israel had given Palestinians “the most powerful blow they have received” since its war on Gaza in 2014.

But he added, “We need to be prepared for a protracted campaign.

“There is an exchange of blows—it doesn't end with one punch.”

Israel bombarded Gaza last weekend

FIGURE IT OUT

27 percent of the 1,147 people killed by cops in the US in the year to 29 December 2017 were black, according to a Mapping Police Violence report

13 percent of the population in the US is black

92 percent of people killed by cops were killed by Tasers, shootings, force or police vehicles

Chicago cops kill black man

PROTESTERS in Chicago faced down police after cops killed Harith Augustus last Saturday, shooting him in the back.

The cop who shot him was rushed away before more police arrived and baton charged protesters.

Cops were quick to try and deflect blame onto Harith, claiming bodycam footage showed he was

reaching for a gun on his waist.

Harith had a concealed-carry licence, meaning he was legally allowed to have a gun with him.

And as he was running away when he was shot, the movement of his arms could just as easily be attributed to that.

After the shooting over 100 police came to clear the scene.

They held people down on the floor and beat them.

On the same day Rashaun Washington was killed by police in Vineland, New Jersey.

He was not acting violently, and was clearly unarmed—he was shirtless.

A cop shouted, “Bomb”.

Rashaun was shot three times.

Alistair Farrow

Mistake by McCluskey

I WAS appalled to hear that Unite union leader Len McCluskey had signed a petition accusing trans activists of intimidation and “violence”.

The petition was published in the Morning Star newspaper.

Trans people are far and away the group most at risk of hate crime.

Almost half of trans people have been physically attacked, while over a quarter of trans women have been sexually assaulted.

Yet McCluskey appears to regard trans people who stand up against those who would deny them the right to exist as a problem.

No to transphobia, no matter where it comes from.

Richard Sunderland
Leeds

Support for trans people

TRANSGENDER FOLK are nothing at all new. The “controversy” arises now because of the Gender Recognition Act.

Trans women don’t take away anything from women. Trans men don’t take anything away from men.

The trans critics on the “left” are a small but loud voice getting a lot of attention by writing in the right wing press.

Trans people are an oppressed minority who face murder, ridicule and gross inequality.

Let’s not stand with the right, and let’s provide compassion.

Liz Kitching
Leeds



ILLUSTRATION: TIM SANDERS

Just a thought...

Well done to anti-fascists

WELL DONE to all the people who turned out in Leeds to show that Nazis are not welcome (Socialist Worker online, 7 July).

Margaret Woods
On Twitter

I WAS glad to see that so many people turned out in Leeds and Wakefield against the fascists.

This will show Muslims who might be too nervous to come out that they are not alone.

Hannah Lewis
West London

Establishment loves a bigot

LAST WEEK we saw the government and establishment roll out the red carpet for one of the most reactionary US presidents of modern times.

Donald Trump was treated to dinner with Theresa May, afternoon tea with the queen and a round of golf with prince Andrew. The prince happens to be the Chancellor of the University of Huddersfield.

Trump is reactionary and a warmonger. For the majority of people, he is not welcome here.

Pauline Wheat-Bowen
Huddersfield

To charge or not to charge?

WHAT DOES Socialist Worker think about Starbucks charging for disposable cups?

We really need to stop climate change, and putting people off using disposable cups would make a difference.

But charges also mean rich companies get even more money.

Diane Prendergast
Liverpool

Bosses put NHS at risk

BOSSES ARE Tories through and through (Wigan hospital strikes force bosses to stop outsourcing plans, Socialist Worker 6 July).

They are put there for the privatisation of our NHS. Hurry up JC.

Paddy Hanrahan
On Facebook

BRILLIANT news from Wigan—striking works! Mac Andrassy
On Facebook

Turkey’s ban on Pride shows Erdogan fears a united fight

ON SUNDAY 2 July the Turkish state crushed Istanbul’s LGBT+ Pride celebrations for the third year in a row.

Brave protesters who tried to march were met with violent attacks by police using tear gas, dogs and rubber bullets.

The march had been going ahead in peace for 12 years before the ban started in 2016.

A screening of the 2014 hit film Pride was also cancelled this year. The Governate of Ankara said the film “incites hatred and enmity”.

It has already been shown in Turkey many times to wildly enthusiastic audiences.

Outraged activists portrayed in the film, and the creative team behind it, made a public statement

in response. It said Pride is a “love story; a simple but powerful tale of how one community under attack from a repressive government extended the hand of friendship to another community threatened with destruction”.

“The bonds of mutual respect and solidarity forged in the 1984/5 strike between LGBTQ+ socialists and mining communities has proved unbreakable.

“That the Turkish authorities should fear the screening of a film that tells this story is a salutary warning about the present political climate in Turkey.”

The statement was signed by members of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, and Sian James, a former miner’s wife who

became a Labour MP in South Wales. The extra support of Pride director Matthew Warchus, writer Stephen Beresford and actors including Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton and Dominic West meant the statement was published widely across the mainstream international media.

I think by banning Pride, Turkish president Erdogan is showing his utter terror of oppressed groups making common cause with the vast, powerful Turkish working class and persecuted Kurdish population.

Please do whatever you can to show solidarity with the people of Turkey.

Nicola Field
South London

Socialists should stand with oppressed groups

THE BEHAVIOUR of transphobes on the London Pride march was shameful.

There is no place for this division in our movement.

They will surely have gained confidence from some in the leadership of trade unions who have sided with the right under the guise of feminism.

We must stand unequivocally with the oppressed.

Anyone from any

oppressed group seeking to support the oppression of others divides our movement and has no place within it.

In the NEU union we have to support our union’s position to back the Gender Recognition Act.

We should condemn any union officer who lines up with the right wing to attack our members and create division among us.

Audrey Glover
Lancaster

‘Your coverage of our strikes mattered’

I THOUGHT the coverage of our strikes against outsourcing in Wigan hospitals was very effective—and I loved being part of it (Socialist Worker, 11 July).

You made the effort to come up to our picket lines all the way from London. When you put us on the front cover, people loved it—and it proved effective.

Whenever Tomáš sent me one of his reports, I’d post it to the strikers and it would always get a



Wigan strikers fighting back

thumbs up. Since they’ve withdrawn the plans to outsource our jobs, everybody is walking around with smiles on their faces. And chief

executive Andrew Foster has been walking around wearing an ancillary uniform, probably trying to rebuild trust.

But he can’t undo the lies that he’s told, or how he’s made us feel less worthy for working in the NHS.

All the country was watching Wigan—now it’s given everyone hope.

You have been brilliant, we can’t thank Socialist Worker’s readers enough for getting the word out.

A Wigan striker

CARNIVAL OF RESISTANCE TAKES ON TRUMP

Hundreds of thousands of people joined protests against US President Donald Trump in towns and cities across Britain last week. The scale of the demonstrations shows the potential to build a much bigger movement against racism—and to push back the Tories

THERE WAS an atmosphere of defiance and jubilation as tens of thousands of people poured into London's Trafalgar Square last Friday to protest again President Donald Trump.

The square was packed. At one point each of the five roads leading out of it was a solid mass of people.

Organisers said 250,000 took part during the day—a superb achievement on a weekday, and a sign of how much Trump is hated.

Sayed from London told Socialist Worker, “We’re from all walks of life—it’s a

carnival of resistance. We’re not just against Donald Trump but against the politics of Trumpism. You can see it in some parts of Europe. We’ve got to come out and stand together.”

Protests took place throughout Trump’s four-day visit. Shortly before arriving he said, “They like me a lot in Britain. I think they agree with me on immigration.”

The size of the anti-Trump demonstrations proved him wrong—and are a huge boost to everyone fighting racism, sexism and austerity.

Punch Trump

In Trafalgar Square, people took it in turns land blows on a mobile “Punch Trump” stand. As some groups of people left to go home, more arrived to replace them.

Theresa came with her family in the afternoon because “we don’t agree with anything that Trump stands for. It’s everything he says and does,” she told Socialist Worker. “He’s sexist, he’s racist, he banned one section of people from coming to the US.

“He’s everything that we’re not.” Steven, a teacher from east London, came with one of many delegations of trade unionists who joined the rally after work.

“It’s easy to just be against him and stay at home, but it’s important to come out and send a message,” he told Socialist Worker.

“His racist and bigoted opinions do matter. What he says has

an impact, not just in the US but here too.”

Huge cheers ripped through the crowd when Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn took to the stage.

Corbyn told the crowd, “Our democracy comes from popular action.

“Our right to demonstrate in this Square was hard fought for and hard won, the right of women to vote was hard fought for and hard won.

“We’re asserting our rights to demonstrate and live in a world that’s not divided by misogyny, racism and hate.”

Frances O’Grady, the leader of the Trades Union Congress, said, “Pack your bags Trump, and take Boris with you.”

The protest in London had a real energy and determination—and there were many others around Britain.

There were over 10,000 in Glasgow, up to 4,000 in Manchester and the same in Sheffield, 1,500 in Leeds, 1,000 in Birmingham—and 600 in Exeter.

Around 250 took part in Southampton and one activist described it as “the biggest protest here since the Iraq war”.

Trump had to mainly steer clear of the capital because of the strength of feeling against him. But protesters followed him wherever he went.

More than 3,500 protesters massed outside Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on Thursday as Trump arrived in Britain.



Glasgow filled with protesters on Friday evening

PICTURE: SCOTLAND UNITED AGAINST TRUMP



Part of the main London demonstration on Friday

PICTURES: GUY SMALLMAN

free speech. He’s an attacker of free speech.”

And she said Trump gives confidence to the far right and to Nazis such as Tommy Robinson and his supporters.

In Scotland, tens of thousands of people joined a national anti-Trump demonstration in Edinburgh last Saturday. The march went from parliament past the US Consulate to the Meadows area of the city.

It was the biggest protest Edinburgh has seen since the Make Poverty History demonstration in 2005. Organisers said 60,000 took part during the day’s events.

The turnout was even more remarkable because there were also protests taking place at the same time in Orkney, Aberdeen and Turnberry golf course.

A ‘special relationship’?

Around 1,000 people protested outside the US ambassador’s residence in Regents Park, London, where Trump spent Thursday night.

Lindsey German from the Stop the War Coalition savaged the “special relationship” between the US and Britain. “It’s done nothing but harm people,” she said, pointing to the Iraq war as an example.

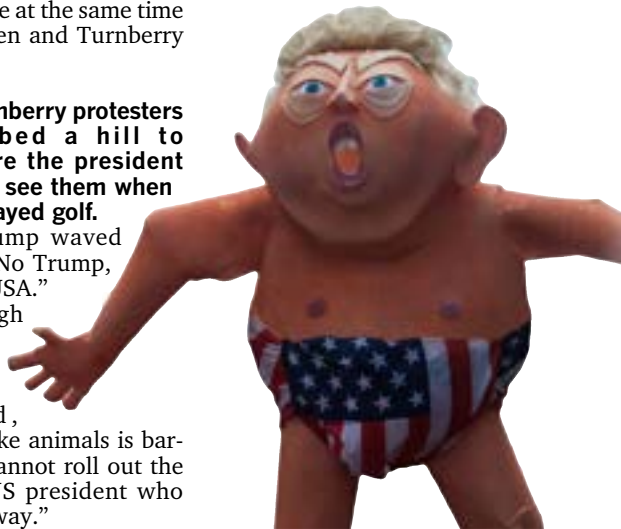
Up to 2,000 people protested in Bristol, 400 in Cambridge, and around 700 in Cardiff on the same day.

Nadia Sayed from Stand Up To Racism spoke to the crowd in London. She pointed to Trump’s attacks on American football players kneeling during the national anthem, arguing that Trump is “not a defender of

AT Turnberry protesters climbed a hill to ensure the president could see them when he played golf.

Trump waved as they shouted, “No Trump, no KKK, no racist USA.”

On the Edinburgh demo Scottish Labour Party leader Richard Leonard said, “Caging children like animals is barbaric. We simply cannot roll out the red carpet for a US president who treats people that way.”



Tommy Sheppard from the Scottish National Party said Trump is now the “international cheerleader for bigotry, intolerance and prejudice throughout the world”.

Many visitors from the US joined the protests and said how happy they were that they were taking place.

Kirsty Haigh is an activist with Scotland United Against Trump and one of the organisers of the demonstration. She said the protest was “a big message of solidarity and hope back to the people of America”.

“We’re saying we’ll support you, we’ll stand with you and we’ll stand up against his abhorrent politics,” she said.

Country pile

In London thousands joined a Women’s March on Friday lunchtime. More protesters gathered outside Theresa May’s country pile, Chequers. Then the huge Together

“There were protests in Orkney, Aberdeen and Turnberry golf course



Protesters gathered at Blenheim Palace on Thursday

PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN

Against Trump demonstration filled the streets in central London.

Coaches came from across Britain—including Wolverhampton, Worcester, Newcastle, Birmingham, Plymouth, Norwich, Cardiff, Nottingham, Manchester, Oxford—to join it.

Ben, who travelled to London from Oxford, was one of many people on their first protest. “I felt like I had to come—Theresa May inviting Trump here feels like a personal attack,” he told Socialist Worker.

Thirteen year old Miles was also on his first demonstration. “Trump tweeted that he would support LGBT+ people but he’s done the opposite,” he said. “Everyone deserves support and love.”

Others were getting back involved in political activity.

“I used to protest as a student,” said Ruby. “I feel it’s time to come out again because the rights my generation fought for are being rolled back.

“Trump is making racism and sexism acceptable again.”

“It’s an incredible atmosphere and it’s important to show we’re really united against Trump.”

Anti-racism and anti-sexism motivated people to get out onto the streets.

Gannat, a student from London, said she was marching as part of a wider fight against oppression. “I’m Muslim—how he treats immigrants and how he treats women is disgusting”, she said.

Student Imen said the fight isn’t just about Trump. “I’m an anti-capitalist and an anti-imperialist,” she told Socialist Worker. “It’s harder for us—I’m a visible Muslim, plus a woman, plus this plus that.”

“There are obstacles in our way, but we’re out on the streets to say, ‘We’re here’.”

Clara from Newhaven in Sussex

spent the train journey talking to her two young daughters “about equality and the need to be kind to everyone”.

She told Socialist Worker she was “trying to balance out Trump’s sexism”.

Many were keen to use the demo as an opportunity to level their anger at the vicious Tory government that has welcomed him.

“We’re here against Donald Trump, but we must also look closer to home,” Cecile Wright from pro-Jeremy Corbyn group Momentum told the crowd. “Different versions of the same policies are being pursued by our government too.”

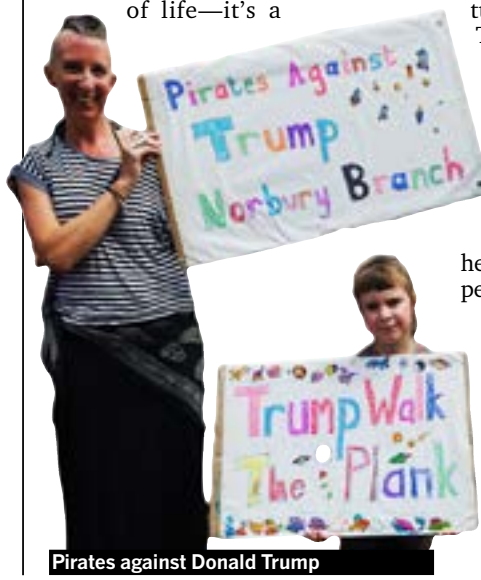
“Britain is the only country in Europe where migrants can be held in detention centres indefinitely. Our government has already started building walls in Calais.”

Holly, a student from London, said Theresa May shouldn’t have invited Trump here. “He’s racist and treats women badly,” she said. “Tories out!”

Trump hopes for a triumphant tour of Britain were in ruins.

The protests exposed his weaknesses. And the visit hasn’t alleviated Theresa May’s crisis—it has intensified it by linking her to a disgusting and widely loathed figure.

Trump’s visit saw a break in the recent pattern of protests getting smaller. The demonstrations underline the potential to build a bigger movement against the racists and the fascists—and for a better world.



Pirates against Donald Trump

“The demos are a boost to everyone fighting racism, sexism and austerity

WHAT WE STAND FOR

These are the core politics of the Socialist Workers Party.

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION

Under capitalism workers' labour creates all profit. A socialist society can only be constructed when the working class seizes control of the means of production and democratically plans how they are used.

REVOLUTION NOT REFORM

The present system cannot be patched up or reformed as the established Labour and trade union leaders say.

It has to be overthrown. Capitalism systematically degrades the natural world. Ending environmental crisis means creating a new society.

THERE IS NO PARLIAMENTARY ROAD

The structures of the present parliament, army, police and judiciary cannot be taken over and used by the working class. They grew up under capitalism and are designed to protect the ruling class against the workers.

The working class needs an entirely different kind of state—a workers' state based upon councils of workers' delegates and a workers' militia.

At most parliamentary activity can be used to make propaganda against the present system.

Only the mass action of the workers themselves can destroy the system.

INTERNATIONALISM

The struggle for socialism is part of a worldwide struggle. We campaign for solidarity with workers in other countries.

We oppose everything which turns workers from one country against those from other countries.

We oppose racism and imperialism. We oppose all immigration controls.

We support the right of black people and other oppressed groups to organise their own defence. We support all genuine national liberation movements.

The experience of Russia demonstrates that a socialist revolution cannot survive in isolation in one country.

In Russia the result was state capitalism, not socialism. In Eastern Europe and China a similar system was later established by Stalinist parties.

We support the struggle of workers in these countries against both private and state capitalism.

We are for real social, economic and political equality of women. We are for an end to all forms of discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

We defend the right of believers to practise their religion without state interference.

THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

To achieve socialism the most militant sections of the working class have to be organised into a revolutionary socialist party.

Such a party can only be built by activity in the mass organisations of the working class.

We have to prove in practice to other workers that reformist leaders and reformist ideas are opposed to their own interests. We have to build a rank and file movement within the unions.

To join us, turn to page 16 or go to www.swp.org.uk or phone 020 7840 5602 for more information

{ SOCIALIST WORKER } PUBLIC MEETINGS

BURNLEY AND PENDLE 'Kill all the Gentlemen'

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Red Triangle Cafe,
160 St James's St,
BB11 1NR
Book launch with author
Martin Empson

NORWICH

How do we stop the rise of racism and the fascist far right?

Thu 2 Aug, 7.30pm,
Vauxhall Centre,
Johnson Place,
NR2 2SA

{ SOCIALIST WORKER } BRANCH MEETINGS

Weekly meetings to discuss
political issues and our local
interventions. All welcome.

ABERDEEN

Trump, trade wars and imperialism

Wed 25 Jul, 6pm,
Belmont Cinema Cafe,
49 Belmont St,
AB10 1JS

BARNSELEY

Why we hate Mondays— Marxism and alienation

Thu 26 Jul, 7pm,
YMCA, Blucher St,
S70 1AP

BIRMINGHAM

This is America— resistance to Trump

Wed 25 Jul, 7pm,
Birmingham LGBT Centre,
38/40 Holloway
Circus, B1 1EQ

BOLTON

The state and revolution today

Wed 25 Jul, 7pm,
Bolton Socialist Club,
16 Wood St (off
Bradshawgate), BL1 1DY

CARDIFF

Trump, tariffs and trade wars

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Cathays Community Centre,
Cathays Terrace,
CF24 4HX

COLCHESTER

Is Corbynism in retreat?

Thu 26 Jul, 8pm,
Hythe Community Centre,
1 Ventura Drive,
CO1 2FG

DERBY

Trump, racism and the far right—how do we turn the tide?

Thu 2 Aug, 7pm,
West End Community Centre,
Mackworth Rd (next
to Britannia Mill),
DE22 3BL

DONCASTER

Trump, racism and the far right—how do we turn the tide?

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Railway Hotel,
West St,
DN1 3AA

SOCIALIST WORKER PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Brexit crisis ...

How do we get rid of the Tories?

BIRMINGHAM

Wed 1 Aug, 7pm,
Birmingham LGBT Centre,
38/40 Holloway Circus,
B1 1EQ

EXETER

Thu 2 Aug, 7pm,
The Exeter peace shop,
31 New Bridge St,
EX4 3AH

LONDON: LEWISHAM

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
West Greenwich Community
and Arts Centre,
141 Greenwich High Rd,
SE10 8JA

LONDON: SOUTH

Wed 25 Jul, 7pm,
Vida Walsh Centre,
2b Saltoun Rd,
Brixton, SW2 1EP

ROTHERHAM

Wed 29 Aug, 7pm,
Talbot Lane Methodist Church Centre,
Moorgate St,
S60 2EY

WOLVERHAMPTON AND WALSALL

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Wild Bytes Cafe,
Darlington St,
WV1 4HW

DUNDEE

Lenin and the need for a revolutionary party

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Dundee Voluntary Action,
10 Constitution Rd,
DD1 1LL

EDINBURGH

The fight against the far right in Europe

Wed 25 Jul, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
7 Victoria St,
EH1 2JL

GLASGOW

The art and politics of Bertolt Brecht

Thu 26 Jul, 7pm,
Avant Garde, 33-44 King St,
Merchant City,
G1 5QT

HARLOW

Capitalism in crisis—is the depression really over?

Thu 26 Jul, 7.30pm,
Friends Meeting House,
10 Church Leys, CM18 6BX

HUDDERSFIELD

1968—the year the world caught fire

Wed 25 Jul, 6.30pm,
Brian Jackson House,
2 New North Parade,
HD1 5JP

LEEDS: CITY CENTRE

The Irish border—a relic of imperialism

Thu 26 Jul, 7pm,
The Swarthmore
Education Centre,
2-7 Woodhouse
Square, LS3 1AD

LONDON: HACKNEY

Italy, migration and the EU crisis

Thu 26 Jul, 7.30pm,
The Round Chapel (corner
Lower Clapton Road),
2 Powerscroft Rd, E5 0PU

LONDON: HARINGEY

Erdogan, Turkey and the Kurds

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Film helps us understand contradictions of Al Qaeda

The mainstream media likes to portray Al Qaeda fighters simply as fanatical terrorists, but a new documentary shows how they live, says **Harjeevan Gill**

PATH OF BLOOD provides an interesting view of Al Qaeda. It uses behind-the-scenes footage taken by its own members, which is rarely shown in the mainstream media.

The documentary focuses on Al Qaeda's Saudi Arabian cells in the early 2000s and briefly explores some of the contradictions of the Saudi state in regards to Al Qaeda.

The documentary doesn't shy away from portraying the complexities of a group that has been used by Western politicians as a reason to drum up Islamophobia.

The film makers combine footage from Al Qaeda, Saudi authorities, and media coverage to give the audience a deeper understanding of a group that has carried out appalling acts.

One immediate observation is the comparison between home footage and the propaganda footage.

The former shows us the fighters behaving in very similar ways to other young men.

Looking at the footage, you can compare the Al Qaeda fighters to the military of established states, with a sense of brotherhood.

Emotions

The footage also shows us the fear that these fighters had before carrying out their missions, especially those described as 'martyrs', who became suicide bombers.

This humanises them, showing their emotions—from joy to fear.

Family footage of the fighters is briefly shown, with the children



THE DOCUMENTARY uses never-before-seen footage of fighters

imitating their parents by mock-fighting when at play.

The message is that everyone can be a casualty in war—from victims of attacks to the people left behind.

The documentary could go further to investigate the connections members of the Saudi ruling classes have with Al Qaeda.

What is shown is the leaders of Saudi Arabia forcing various religious leaders to renounce their previous callings for jihad towards non-Muslims.

However, the documentary does

not look into how Al Qaeda has been, and continues to be, funded by members of the Saudi ruling class.

This important detail is glossed over.

It is likely Al Qaeda could have grown to any prominence had it not been for this implicit, and sometimes explicit, support.

This would bring up further questions of the links between the Saudi regime, the US and Britain.

The film makers decided to leave that hornets nest alone, to the detriment of the documentary.

It makes references to the fighters being manipulated, but fails to go far enough in explaining why and how.

This is a documentary that gives us a different look at Al Qaeda.

It leaves the viewer thinking of the human side behind who the people often labelled as "terrorists" and "monsters" by the media.

Even though it could go further—it goes far beyond most other documentaries covering this subject.

Path of Blood
Directed by Jonathan Hacker
On limited release

When the American Dream turned into a nightmare

PLAY

THE LEHMAN TRILOGY

Directed by Sam Mendes
At The National Theatre until 20 October.
nationaltheatre.org.uk

THE LEHMAN Trilogy is a three-hour, three-person play that tells the story of the rise and fall of US banking giant Lehman Brothers.

Using multigenerational storytelling, it gives an epic sweep of the family saga portrayed as the quintessential American dream.

Hayum Lehmann is the eldest of three Jewish immigrant brothers from

Bavaria in southern Germany. He has returned to the scene to recount the opening instalment of the Lehman family saga.

In 1844, after weeks at sea, this son of a cattle merchant lands in New York.

Hayum becomes "Henry" to the untrained American ear and opens a store in Alabama in the US South.

Soon after brothers Emanuel (Ben Miles) then Mayer (Adam Godley) arrive.

Their business grows as they diversify from bolts of fabric to raw cotton throughout the American Civil War.



Ben Miles in The Lehman Trilogy
PICTURE: MARK DOUET

Then Emmanuel has a rethink about the South's prospects and Lehman's relocates to New York.

The Lehman Trilogy is staged on a revolving glass box which serves as a shifting location scene, and there is clever manipulation of light and video.

The live piano is a delightful subtle accompaniment.

There's no unfrocking of the inner workings of capitalism on show here. Nor does it set out to.

There's no coruscating critique like Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*.

And there's nothing

to illuminate corporate finance's debt-swallowing trickery like Lucy Prebble's *Enron*.

The play then takes us through the Wall Street Crash of 1929 up to the 2000s.

Duping consumers to borrow and buy was the new frontier.

In this era of marketing people would purchase not out of need but instinct, just like breathing.

"It will be a luxury for all. The poor don't exist and Lehman Brothers will become immortal," drools a thrusting new intake eager for some action.

Then came the crash.
Harold Wilson

EXHIBITIONS

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It will include drawings and prints as well as Rembrandt's famed oils.



THIS CLASS WORKS

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Tickets £5

PETE MCKEE'S latest exhibition is focused on working class life.

He said, "This work aims to celebrate the spirit of the working class—the pride, tenacity, hope, fight, passion and resourcefulness which I witnessed growing up."

FILM

RACER AND THE JAILBIRD

Directed by Micahell R Roskam
On limited release
For showtimes, go to bit.ly/2KPguLR

MICHAELL ROSKAM'S new film is a tale of youthful passion and living fast.

The two protagonists are a racing driver and a bank robber.

It's intended as a "love tragedy", or better, an *Amour-Noir*. Instead, it's over-long.

At it's best the film portrays the robber as a damaged person who has been virtually forced into a life of crime.

At its worst it shows the robber as unable or unwilling to change his behaviour. His partner, race driver Bibi, is a victim of his reckless life.

The plot feels very familiar.



Matthias Schoenaerts as Gigi the robber

THE RISE of far right forces across Europe and Donald Trump's racist assault in the US have encouraged a sense that the world is returning to the 1930s.

When the financial crisis broke in 2008, “back to the 1930s” expressed above all a fear that economic collapse might later lead to disastrous political effects. Today there is less expectation of immediate economic dislocation.

But malign forces have emerged out of the economic shock and disillusionment with the mainstream.

Nearly everywhere rulers are fostering nationalism and racism against migrants and Muslims and pushing through austerity.

Trump speaks about the possibility of using nuclear weapons—and there is an increased drive to war.

Fascist forces are not just marching on the streets. They sit in parliaments—and sometimes around cabinet tables.

Such Nazi groups are not the same as traditional conservative and racist populist parties that focus on parliament. Fascists want to smash parliamentary democracy—not just use it to gain office.

But fascists and the mainstream right feed on each other—and drive the political environment rightwards.

In Austria the Tory OVP party tried to outflank the fascist Freedom Party at last November's election—then formed a coalition with it. Austria hasn't become a fascist state, but the fascists control key ministries that help them ramp up attacks on migrants and Muslims.

In Hungary Viktor Orban's viciously Islamophobic, antisemitic and anti-migrant government has grabbed large parts of the fascist Jobbik party's programme.

And now a new fascist movement called the Our Country Movement is calling for “a Hungary that will remain a white island in Europe”. It declares that it's fed up of “listening to how everyone is guilty except the Jews”.

Terrifying

In Germany the far right AfD party—half of whose MPs are Nazis—is the official opposition to the Christian Democrat/Social Democrat coalition. And last week the AfD was polling ahead of the Labour-type SPD.

In Italy interior minister Matteo Salvini of the League party has called for a “mass cleansing, street by street, neighbourhood by neighbourhood” of migrants. And he wants a register of Roma people to deport most of them.

None of these fascists yet have the same terrifying power of Adolf Hitler's Nazi party. By 1932 he had millions of votes—but also over 350,000



IS THE WORLD GOING BACK TO THE 30s?

The growth of right wing populism and fascism provokes fears of a re-run of a disastrous decade. Charlie Kimber points out that the 1930s not only marked the rise of the right, but also vital opportunities for the resistance

paramilitary storm troopers that could physically eliminate opponents and assault strikers and the left.

Italian fascist ruler Benito Mussolini launched his movement by attacking the print works of socialist daily Avanti in 1919, killing four. He developed paramilitary squads to intimidate and smash opposition.

This has not happened on a broad scale yet, but anyone who fails to recognise the threat is

being complacent.

Trump acts as inspiration for such far right movements. He does not share their aim of building street movements and smashing democracy, but his rhetoric is dangerously similar to the fascists'.

“These aren't people, these are animals,” he said about migrants last month. They want “to pour into and infest our country,” he tweeted recently.

“Infest” is a word generally used for pests and rodents. It is

a language that dehumanises groups of people, a route towards treating them as worthless.

There are other echoes of the 1930s in the effects of economic crisis. The credit crunch of 2007 wasn't as disastrous as the Wall Street Crash of 1929.

By 1931 around a third of workers in both Germany and the US were unemployed and world economic output fell by a third.

That scale of destitution has not happened this time, but there has been a slower economic recovery than the 1930s. And while the world economy is growing again, this growth is facing a new challenge from trade wars initiated by Trump.

The economist Paul Krugman wrote recently that “there's a pretty good case that an all-out trade war would lead to a very large reduction in trade, maybe 70 percent”. And the overall cost would be about a 2-3 percent reduction in world production a year—destroying over half of current global growth.

Even where there is growth, it's nearly all grabbed by those at the top.

A recent report from the OECD group of advanced capitalist countries said that every year capitalists have taken a greater percentage of economic growth than workers. The result is that “if real average wages had perfectly tracked productivity growth over 1995-2014, they would have been 13 percent higher at the end of the period.”

Even this underestimates the scale of the theft because those at the very top have continued to do extremely well. And in some countries, such as Greece, Ireland and Britain the fall in living standards has been greater than the average.

IN BRITAIN we have seen the longest fall in wages since the Victorian era and a war against people on benefits.

Meanwhile in the US over 20 percent of adults are not able to pay all of their current month's bills in full. Over a quarter of adults skipped necessary medical care in 2017 due to being unable to afford the cost.

Governments have encouraged racism to break resistance to austerity and deflect blame from themselves. But this has not been enough to maintain the hold of mainstream parties—another echo of the 1930s.

Instead new or reinvented political forces have emerged—sometimes on the left, more often on the right.

As well as the new far right forces, think of the rise of French president Emmanuel Macron's new movement. It emerged from nowhere to install him as president and dominate the parliament.

In Britain Jeremy Corbyn has rebooted the Labour Party.

Again, the dissolution of the mainstream has not gone as far as the 1930s, but there are

The fascist Freedom Party poster reads, ‘Should this be our future? Austria says: No!’ (above) Hungarian president, Viktor Orban (right), grabs some policies from the fascist Jobbik party

echoes of the same effect of the crisis.

In the 1990s Tony Cliff, the founder of the Socialist Workers Party, used to talk of a situation like “the 1930s in slow motion”. He added, “The fact that the film of the 1930s returns, but in slow motion, means there is much greater opportunity to stop the film and direct it in the way we want.”

Now the film is speeding up. The tasks of resistance are even more urgent. One clear lesson from the 1930s and today is that the fascists cannot be halted by defending the status quo and existing institutions such as the European Union.

It is precisely the capitalist policies so aggressively imposed by them that have wrecked people's lives and caused such fury against the elites. Instead of seeking to maintain the political centre, there has to be a fight to challenge neoliberal policies and to build a movement that can overthrow capitalism.

Crisis does not just lead to pain for workers. It also causes divisions in the ruling class and opens possibilities for massive struggles.

The 1930s was not just a time of victories for reaction. It saw the most militant workers' resistance in US history, including mass strikes in San Francisco, Toledo and Minneapolis and an occupation at the Flint General Motors plant.

Anti-fascists protest in Austria



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Written when fascism was little-understood, Zetkin's work proposed unity of all victims of capitalism



Academies plan for school privatisation is faltering

The Tories are in trouble over education policy. Miriam Scharf argues now is the time to go on the offensive

THE AIM of academising all English schools by 2020 has been scrapped. And the forced academisation of so-called “coasting” schools has also gone.

Now only those schools which are rated “inadequate” by the Ofsted inspectorate are required to look for an academy sponsor.

Last week Handsworth primary school in Waltham Forest announced it was not going to become an academy after a big campaign against the move.

In Newham, east London, unions and parents are mounting challenges to the academy agenda. And the rate of conversion from local authority (LA) to the private sector has slowed down significantly.

When Tony Blair's Labour government brought in academisation it was designed to bring a business model into education.

The Tories continued the policy, hoping that a strongly unionised workforce would be weakened as workers at academies and free schools came out of national pay and conditions.

The education system would become cheaper and open to further privatisation.

Attacked

There is no doubt that workers in academies and free schools can be attacked more easily than in the public sector.

But workers in academy chains remain unionised and have, mostly, retained the same pay as in the maintained sector.

Academies have failed on so many levels. The fantasy story used to sell academisation was that of school improvement.

Not surprisingly bosses concentrated more on what they could get out of the system, failing to improve their schools.

A study by UCL Institute



ACADEMIES DO not drive up standards

of Education released last week confirms that councils are better than academies at school improvement.

Then there's the money. The latest Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report hammered academisation, warning that the Department for Education did not sufficiently scrutinise academy sponsors.

The PAC found a “succession of high-profile academy failures” that have been “costly to the taxpayer and damaging to children's education”. Behind the scheme to expand Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) to take over up to 40 schools was the hope of disguising education cuts.

The scandal where Wakefield City Academy Trust deprived one of its poorest schools of its budget was a symptom of a system which has financial interests at its heart.

MAT trustees have no interest in helping less well-off schools.

There are an increasing number of “orphan” schools

with no academy sponsor and the law still forbids the LAs from taking them back into their control.

Built into academy conversion is a loss of local control.

But where parents find out the facts they often choose to fight for their school to be kept with the LA.

In Newham a key demand of campaigns has been to get a parent ballot in any school under threat. Even in Tory areas parents want to have a say in their child's schooling.

Manipulating

Another disastrous consequence of academisation has been the manipulation of admissions.

There is chaos in school places and lack of care for looked after children and students with what's termed special educational needs and disability.

With the Tories in disarray, some local councils are backing calls for change. Newham council's cabinet has passed a policy aimed at keeping its schools in the public sector—a complete reversal from its practice only last year.

And the Local Government Association is calling for councils to take up their previous key role in school improvement and place-planning.

The research shows definitively that academies exacerbate inequality. For Labour and the education workers' unions this should fuel an offensive against academisation.

“With the Tories in disarray some local councils are backing calls for change**”**

Support for migrants is on the increase

by TOMÁŠ TENGELY-EVANS

A GROWING number of people think that immigration has had a positive impact on British society.

The British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey's findings released last week show people's views on immigration aren't fixed—and that it's possible to push back against racist ideas.

Some 47 percent of people think that migrants have a positive impact on Britain's economy, according to the BSA.

That's up from 21 percent during the 2011 survey.

In the five years since the last survey attitudes have become more positive about migrants' economic impact.

This shift has taken place as the Tories and right wing press have ramped up scapegoating of migrants.

The survey also shows that the vote to leave the European Union (EU) in June 2015 has not led to a carnival of reaction. The biggest positive shift in attitudes on migrants' economic impact happened between 2015 and 2017.

As the BSA notes, "There



DAVID CAMERON and Theresa May tried to stoke up anti-migrant racism

are little signs here that the EU referendum campaign served to make Britain less tolerant towards migrants.

"They have apparently come to be valued to a degree that was not in evidence before the referendum campaign."

This doesn't mean that

racism against migrants is not a problem. Both the official Remain and Leave campaigns whipped up racism during the EU referendum campaign—and racists felt emboldened by the result.

The BSA notes that "support for leaving the EU has increased much more among

those who think migrants have undermined Britain's cultural life".

This means that people who started with a negative view of migrants' cultural impact are now more likely to support Brexit.

It doesn't mean that people who support Brexit have

become more likely to think migrants have undermined "British culture".

The results from previous BSA surveys shows people's attitudes towards immigration are often contradictory.

The survey from 2016 said that people's attitudes were "more positive but more selective".

It found that during the 2000s there was a big shift in people's overall views about migrants' economic impact.

In 2002 those who thought migrants had a bad impact outweighed those who thought they had a good impact by 16 percentage points. By 2014 "good" led over "bad" by 6 percentage points.

But during the same period people's ideas had hardened about what sort of migrants should be let in.

Last time people were asked, some 84 percent listed a "commitment to a British way of life" as an important criteria.

And 81 percent said that "possessing needed skills" was another qualification for migrants coming to Britain.

Similarly 87 percent said

migrants should have the "ability to speak English".

These were all up by around 10 percentage points between 2002 and 2014.

These criteria reflect how politicians have sought to stoke up racism against migrants.

The BSA survey did not ask a specific question about Muslims and immigration. But there has been a well-documented rise in reporting of Islamophobic hate crime.

David Cameron attacked Muslims for not "integrating" into British society. He said Muslim woman couldn't speak English.

It plays into a broader racist narrative of "good" vs "bad migrants".

The findings show that racism still has a big hold.

But they also show that the majority of people are not hardened racists and that it's possible to challenge right wing myths around migration.

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Not in service—years of cuts behind the crisis on the buses

The Tories have slashed funding for bus services by nearly £200 million since 2010—leaving local bus services struggling. For some bus users the impact is devastating, says **Sarah Bates**

BUS SERVICES are being cut to the bone in England and Wales, leaving those without access to alternative transport at risk of complete social isolation.

Thousands are stranded in their homes—potentially unable to go to the shops, visit friends and family or access healthcare.

Richard from Lancashire said that bus cuts are hampering his ability to get around. “I’m a guide dog owner so I can get out and about by bus, but the cuts are making me less independent,” he said.

Bus services are not a niche question—there are over 4.3 billion bus journeys every year, which accounts for 60 percent of public transport business.

Having a properly organised transport system is also a question of public health. Air pollution across Britain is responsible for about 40,000 premature deaths each year, according to the Royal College of Physicians.

By decreasing public transport, more are forced onto the roads in their own cars, or in taxis.

This increases emissions, and also increases congestion on the roads.

Reveals

A report from the Campaign for Better Transport released earlier this month reveals a crisis in public transport.

It shows that 46 percent of bus services in England and 39 percent in Wales have been removed since 2010.

That’s 3,347 bus services withdrawn or reduced—including 300 this year alone.

It’s partly a question of funding—councils used to operate their own bus services, or subsidise bus companies to run some routes.

Now there are only 11 council-owned



THE TORIES have vandalised bus services

bus companies that provide full coverage of their area.

Local authorities in England and Wales have slashed funding for bus services by a staggering £196 million since 2010.

Many are struggling to pay for services—grants from the Tory government are 49 percent less in real terms than eight years ago.

Some councils have stopped funding bus services altogether. Oxfordshire

council spent around £5.7 million in 2010-2011, but this year they spent nothing.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has blasted the Tories’ record on bus services.

“A bus pass isn’t much use if there isn’t a bus. Does the prime minister think it’s fair that bus fares have risen 13 percent more than inflation since 2010?” he asked.

Corbyn proposed more powers for

some local authorities to commission transport—but more powers is no use if there is no more funding to resource it.

Cuts to bus services, like most other aspects of Tory austerity, drastically impact on poorer communities.

The crisis in buses is not just a result of the last decade of cuts.

It’s been caused by 30 years of deregulation, privatisation and neglect.

Tory laws that sell off services

THE BUS Services Act 2017 is part of a push by the Tories to decentralise transport.

It promises to “unlock the potential for the bus industry”. In reality it just legislates for privatisation.

The Act promotes “partnership” between local authorities and private companies, and says one of the benefits will be better buses, improved routes and maximum fares.

But if the operator has an objection to these it can refuse the changes.

Franchising is a key element of the new legislation. It would mean more cities would be run like London—where private companies are outsourced to run different routes, but all operate under a single brand.

But if councils decide to franchise, they are then barred from running their own local authority services.

The Act says that “Bus services should continue to be provided by commercial operators, not local authorities. Local authorities cannot set up new municipal bus companies to compete for franchised services with existing operators or any new private sector providers.”

But private companies don’t provide services on the basis of what is needed, but what is beneficial for their profits.

Relying on a transport system organised for profit, rather than because it is socially useful lies at the heart of the issue.

Poor, young and older people left isolated by the cuts

BUS SERVICE cuts leave people unable to go to work, get an education or take a trip to their GP. It shapes people’s lives—particularly those who live in rural areas.

Andrew from Gillingham in Dorset explains that withdrawal of services mean he only gets to nearby Frome to do shopping once a week.

“Services generally in Dorset often finish at five o’clock, run so irregularly they are useless and instead of encouraging people onto public transport, they

ensure poorer and older people have to have a car to just get to a doctor or post office or to do basic shopping,” he said.

It’s also a question of accessibility. On average disabled people take ten times as many trips by bus as they do by rail.

Cutting bus services can make it harder for people to get out.

Social isolation is already a very real problem. One Red Cross study found that more than 9 million people in Britain are “often or always lonely”. And with



You could wait for a very long time at a rural bus stop like this

many train companies attempting to cut the role of guards on trains, rail travel is becoming inaccessible on large parts of the network.

Kent council had to backtrack on binning 78 bus routes after a public outcry. Kent resident Liz said that “rural bus services are essential for my children to develop their independence.

“By cutting the rural bus services you are cutting the poor, young and elderly from rural communities off from the outside world.”

IN BRIEF

Workers demand the living wage

UNITED VOICES of the World (UVW) union members at three employers are set to walk out simultaneously between 7 and 9 August.

Their employers are Kensington and Chelsea council, Health Care America, and the Ministry of Justice.

The workers are all paid the minimum wage of £7.83 an hour. They are demanding the London Living Wage of £10.20 an hour.

Kensington and Chelsea council worker Mauricio said, “It is really hard to survive in London.

“You have to think about what you can and can’t buy, about which bill to pay.”

Ritz workers win tribunal hearing

AN EMPLOYMENT tribunal has found that three workers at the Ritz cinema in south London were unfairly dismissed in June last year.

The judgement said, “We conclude that the penalties applied to both claimants were outside the band of reasonable responses”.

The tribunal rejected the Bectu section of the Prospect union’s argument that workers were victimised because of trade union activities.

A further date for a compensation hearing is yet to be set. And separate hearings for other workers fired for the same reason are yet to be held.

Housing workers walk out for pay

UNITE UNION members at the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) struck for three days last week in their battle to end a pay freeze and the gender pay gap.

HCA bosses are refusing to offer a pay increase of more than 1-1.5 percent.

They have offered a pay review, which will take two years to report.

Recycling workers win sick pay battle

WASTE management workers at the FCC Environment plant in Hull have won their battle for an occupational sick pay scheme.

The Unison union members struck in March and April this year.

Ambulance workers plan third walkout

AMBULANCE WORKERS in the north west of England plan to walk out for 26 hours on Saturday.

The GMB union members have been demanding a pay banding review from bosses since 2005. They were also holding a work to rule from Monday to Friday this week.

They struck twice before last month.

TRANSPORT



A PREVIOUS walkout against driver only operation

PICTURE: GUY SMALLMAN

Fresh strikes to derail plan to scrap guards

by SARAH BATES

THE RMT union has announced a fresh round of strikes on the South Western Railway (SWR) as part of a long-running dispute over driver only operation (DOO).

Workers are set to walk out on Thursday and Saturday of next week, Tuesday 31 July and for six days in August—including over the bank holiday weekend.

They are fighting to keep guards on trains to maintain safety and accessibility for passengers. The RMT had

previously suspended action for talks.

But now the union says SWR bosses plan to roll out DOO regardless, making a “mockery” of the negotiations.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said workers want a “guard guarantee that we have successfully negotiated in Wales, Scotland and other parts of England”.

He said bosses were “determined to put private profits before public safety at a time of unprecedented and dangerous pressure on their services”.

News of fresh action on

SWR came as the RMT called off a walkout on Northern Rail due to “productive talks”. Workers had been set to strike this Saturday.

Solidarity from other trade unionists and coordinated action has the power to beat back bosses’ attempts to push through DOO.

■ RMT MEMBERS on the Eurostar are set to strike on Saturday 28 July.

Workers voted by 93 percent to strike over working conditions, which have resulted in service failures and breakdowns.

TUBE WORKERS

Solid walkout at Tube depot in Ruislip

TRAIN maintenance and stores workers at London Underground’s Ruislip depot struck last week.

The RMT union members walked out for 24 hours last Thursday—and for 12 hour stints last Friday and

Sunday. Workers at the west London depot are responsible for operating and maintaining the Tube’s fleet of engineering trains.

They are fighting for pay parity. But the RMT says bosses have only offered

“productivity measures” and job losses.

■ A PLANNED 52-hour walkout on the Piccadilly Line was called off due to “significant progress” at conciliation service Acas.

OBITUARY

Teresa Elligott 1956-2018

IT IS with great sadness that we have to inform comrades of the tragic, premature death of Teresa Elligott.

Her weakened body finally succumbed to the crippling illness of anorexia last Wednesday.

Teresa was born one of six children in southern Ireland.

Like so many of her generation, she came to England in search of work and to escape the often oppressive life in Ireland at that time.

While never forgetting her Irish background, Teresa threw herself into the life of her adopted country, developing into a fiery and formidable young woman. As



Teresa Elligott

a member of the Nupe union at Camden council in north London, Teresa was involved in often long and bitter struggles to defend public services and jobs.

Militant

When Margaret Thatcher’s cutbacks began to erode working class living standards in the 1980s, Teresa developed into a working class militant and revolutionary socialist.

Falling prey to alcohol abuse, she had the strength of character to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and beat back the addiction. It allowed her to help raise her beloved daughter Katy.

For many years her cheerful, generous and warm character was at the heart

AIRPORT WORKERS

Air strikes to bring down management pay attacks

STRIKES AT London Luton and Aberdeen airports are set to take off this summer.

Unite union members who work for outsourced Clece Care Services at London Luton Airport walked out for 48 hours on Tuesday.

They are fighting for a pay rise above the minimum wage and an end to zero hours contracts.

Baggage handlers at Luton were set to walk out for 57 hours on Friday.

The Unite members are fighting over pay and poor working conditions.

Aberdeen airport workers were also set to walk out for an above-inflation pay rise on the same day.

The Unite members plan further strikes in August.

HOUSING

Grenfell advisor wants more flammable cladding

OVER 200 people joined the monthly Silent Walk for Grenfell last Saturday—the first since the one-year anniversary of the blaze at the west London tower block.

Marchers were determined to keep up the fight for justice. Justice4Grenfell campaigner Tasha said, “They messed with the wrong community.”

The walk came a week after Sir Ken Knight wrote to MPs suggesting that not all

flammable cladding should be banned. He is chair of the Tories’ Independent Expert Advisory Panel set up in the wake of the fire.

The standard test used to judge material flammability has been found to be faulty.

Since stepping down as London Fire Brigade commissioner in 2007, he has written reports arguing for firefighter job cuts.

He has also previously acted as the chairperson for a private fire testing firm.

HARINGEY

SEVEN newly-built tower blocks in Haringey don’t have any affordable or social rent homes, according to a new survey.

They are on six separate developments in the north London borough. Planners design housing schemes so market, intermediate and affordable renters have separate entrances.

But towers usually have one entrance, which means developers are trying to cut out social rent tenants altogether.

■ DEVELOPER Lendlease has issued a legal warning to Haringey council that it may sue if it goes back on the Haringey Development Vehicle.

The now-infamous scheme to demolish whole estates in the borough was cooked up with the Labour council’s previous right wing leadership.

Council documents suggest the firm will lose £4 million if the plans are cancelled.

The costs must not be passed on to ordinary people.

CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS

Vote yes for pay strikes

A BALLOT for strikes over pay by civil service workers in the PCS union was set to end on Monday of next week.

Civil service workers’ pay has been held well below inflation since 2010—an effective pay cut that means some workers have lost out on thousands of pounds.

A yes vote could lead to the biggest strikes of the year. But Tory anti-union laws also mean that 50 percent of PCS members have to vote for any strike to be legal.

PCS activists have just a few more days to make sure as many of their co-workers as possible have posted their ballot in time.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Kirklees bin workers have council bosses on the run

by SARAH BATES

BIN WORKERS in Kirklees, west Yorkshire are tentatively celebrating a union victory after management agreed to all their demands.

Unison union members at the Dewsbury and Huddersfield depots struck for seven days earlier this month.

They were calling for more staff to be taken on, extra rounds and for a proper disciplinary procedure for management accused of racist bullying.

Bosses have promised 40 new jobs and two extra wagons.

This will relieve workload by around 10 percent.

And the extra staff will mean workers will be able to take their holiday allowance.

This was previously denied to them on the basis that there were not enough workers to complete the rounds.

Workers have also been promised that bullying management will not return before October—if at all.

Strikers were due to walk out from 31 July but have suspended the action and were set to meet on Friday this week to discuss the deal.

Management reneged on a previous offer, so strikers were waiting to see the details in writing before deciding whether to accept.

SIRONA



STRIKING AT Sirona last month

CARERS AT Sirona care homes have suspended their strikes after their local authority agreed to consider funding options.

Unison union members struck for 24 hours on 10 July and for 12 hours on 12 July.

On the second strike day this month they rallied at the council chambers, and Bath and North East Somerset council agreed to set up a scrutiny committee.

Sirona was trying to steal 30 minutes of wages for every shift worked.

After the workers offered to suspend action, Sirona withdrew its plans to dismiss and re-engage workers on worse contracts.

POSTAL WORKERS

Strike vote wins victory

POSTAL WORKERS in Swansea have forced bosses to reinstate a sacked colleague with an overwhelming vote to strike.

The members of the CWU union at the office voted by 89.9 percent for strikes to demand sacked postal worker Martin Henwood be given his job back.

Just hours after the result was announced, Royal Mail bosses reinstated Martin.

They had accused Martin of not following correct



Martin Henwood

procedure on door-to-door leaflets. The CWU said Martin had followed the protocol of the office, and pointed out that he had worked for Royal Mail for 32 years with no previous disciplinary record.

Martin's colleagues demanded a strike ballot at angry mass gate meetings.

Nearly 200 of them could have struck if bosses refused to reinstate him.

Branch secretary Gary Williams praised CWU members' "support and solidarity throughout the campaign to get justice for Martin, without which this would not have been achieved."

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

STRIKES IN East Dunbartonshire council, near Glasgow, have been suspended following some concessions from the council bosses.

Workers in the Unite, Unison and GMB unions struck for four days in June, and are continuing a programme of work to rule.

Workers in waste and recycling have also suspended their action. They were due to walk out for four

days from Thursday of last week.

Workers are fending off attacks from the Tory-Lib Dem council which wanted to cut three days holiday, attack unsocial hours pay, bin enhanced overtime and reduce redundancy payments.

Unions have claimed victory on all fronts, except the redundancy scheme.

GMB Scotland organiser Hazel Nolan said, "Our members led from the front."

BIRMINGHAM

Care workers plan strikes

BIRMINGHAM CARE workers are set for a huge series of strikes against council bosses' cuts to adult social care.

The home enablement team plan to walk out on 31 July and 1 August, and then for 12 more days in the following three weeks.

Council bosses want to force all workers onto part-time hours, and make

redundancies equivalent to 55 full-time jobs.

Unison senior steward Mandy Buckley told Socialist Worker "It was a unanimous vote to strike at our meetings. We've got to take this very seriously. It's going to be a loss of the service for the citizens of Birmingham and the loss of our jobs."

● Longer version online

SCHOOLS

Second union joins John Roan action

GMB UNION members at John Roan school joined NEU union members in a two-day strike on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

The workers at the south east London school are fighting to stop it being turned into an academy.

The GMB cleaning team was out in force on the picket line.

Margaret explained why they were striking. "Academies are no good," she told Socialist Worker. "They are a business and their game is no good for us. I'm here to protect the children."

Tammy added, "If John Roan academises, we could end up with outsourcing."

And Gary said, "Now we are with the council. I don't want my terms and conditions changed."

GMB regional organiser



On the picket line last week

Clive Smith said, "Academies are attacking working conditions and putting more pupils through stress with the fixation on test results."

"Local MPs don't want this. Parents don't want this. The staff don't want this." NEU members at the school held five days of

strikes before last week's two-day walkout.

The action has already forced the school to push back the planned date for converting to an academy.

Both unions are determined to keep up the fight next term.

Miriam Scharf

OBITUARY

Don Trudell 1940-2018

COMRADES AND friends will be saddened to hear that Don Trudell, a long-standing member of the SWP and its predecessor the International Socialists, died recently.

He left the US in 1969 against the backdrop of the Vietnam War and taught for many years in West London at North Westminster School and the American School in London.

Don was a prominent activist in the National Union of Teachers.

He was centrally involved in anti-racist struggles and the fight for equal opportunities that emanated from union members in London schools.

These later came to be adopted more formally by the Inner London Education Authority.

As a teacher he was



Don Trudell

respected by his students for his warm and friendly manner and a teaching style that taught them not what to think, but how to think for themselves.

He was a staunch supporter of Palestinian rights.

To take one example, in 2004 Don contributed an article to Socialist Review condemning Ariel Sharon's

expansion of the settlements on the West Bank.

He stressed the need for a Palestinian solidarity movement on a scale of those against South African apartheid and the Vietnam War.

All of his colleagues remember how his serious commitment to his political beliefs was also accompanied by a dry and mischievous sense of humour that helped to provide a much-needed sense of perspective to the struggle.

In later years he was not able to be as politically active as he had previously been, but he remained a revolutionary to the last.

He is survived by his children Megan, Kate and Anna, their mother Pauline and grandchildren Dominic, Noah and India.

We send them our condolences and solidarity.

Shaun Doherty

FIGHT THE TORY BREXIT VISION

by CHARLIE KIMBER

THERESA MAY found a new way of avoiding defeat in parliament over Brexit this week. She told Tory MPs who agreed with her to vote with those opposing her.

In doing so May capitulated to those who had criticised the deal she had put together at the Chequers summit just over a week previously.

May caved in to the Tories who see the Chequers deal as a sell-out by accepting four amendments intended to toughen up her negotiating stance.

This surrender to Jacob Rees-Mogg and his followers infuriated pro-EU Tories. They voted against the four amendments, and May won by just three votes in one of the divisions.

She staggered on, but was so desperate to end the torment that she looked likely to bring forward the date for MPs' summer break.

May's retreats this week may have halted a vote of no confidence from Tory MPs. But her critics may think it best to hold back and go for her later. None of this



THERESA MAY is clinging on, for now

stopped some Tories ramping up the pressure. Former Brexit secretary David Davis wrote this week that "British democracy is now at stake".

Tory MP Nadine Dorries went further by tweeting, "The Chequers deal has disenfranchised voters. People telling me at that if a charismatic figure stood heading a

new party, they would vote for him/her. Sounds like we could be heading for our very own Trump/Macron/Robinson."

It is becoming increasingly clear that any deal that can win a majority in the Commons is likely to be unacceptable to the EU. That means a time of extreme

unpredictability and turmoil. One sentence in the Chequers deal says, "The UK would commit to apply a common rulebook on state aid, and establish cooperative arrangements between regulators on competition."

This is repeated in the White Paper that followed with a plan for a "common

rulebook" enforced and supervised in Britain by the Competition and Markets Authority.

This means that all the rules that restrict nationalisation and support for state-run industries would be maintained after Brexit.

For instance, Royal Mail could not be renationalised

without breaching such rules, and nor could the whole of the rail industry.

In March this year, Jeremy Corbyn said in parliament that "The prime minister's only clear priority seems to be to tie the UK permanently to EU rules that have been used to enforce privatisation."

But Labour is not concentrating on this now. There is division in Labour over Brexit and the party is trying to keep its internal peace.

It's urgent that the left and the trade unions cut through the froth and fight for a Brexit that looks after workers, not bosses.

Anti-Brexit groups plan to demonstrate outside the Tory party conference in September.

The largest possible anti-austerity, anti-racist demonstration based on trade unions, campaign groups and socialists must be organised as well.

The opposition to May should not be corralled behind those who back the bosses' EU.

More online
For more on Brexit, go to www.socialistworker.co.uk

SEXISM

Pressure mounts on disgraced Tory MP to quit over sexual harassment

FORMER TORY minister Andrew Griffiths was desperately clinging on as an MP at the start of this week, despite growing calls for him to resign.

He had sent 2,000 sexually explicit and sometimes violent messages to two female constituents.

In one message the 47 year old referred to himself as "Daddy" and discussed the women beating each other.

One of the women involved, Imogen Treharne, said the MP had made her feel vile



Andrew "Daddy" Griffiths

and "always turned the conversation back to sex".

"I felt like I was being used for this wealthy man's gratification," she said.

Griffiths, MP for Burton, once worked as Theresa May's chief of staff.

He was forced to stand down as small business minister and suspended from the Tory party after the Sunday Mirror said it would reveal the texts.

Griffiths, who helped set up the Women2Win campaign to get more female MPs elected, said he was deeply ashamed.

He said he had caused untold distress to my wife and family" and also "deep embarrassment to the prime minister and the government I am so proud to serve".

He didn't mention the women he had sent the texts to.

Response

Griffiths led the government's response to the Hampton-Alexander review into gender equality in major firms.

He could be the first MP to be investigated by parliament's new

harassment and bullying watchdog.

On Monday Griffiths told the Burton Mail, "I want to continue the work I have done for constituents and build on the achievements of the last eight years."

"I will continue to represent my constituents and deal with all casework but hope for a period of privacy."

Top Tories could be telling Griffiths not to resign because they want to avoid a by-election, particularly as every MP's vote counts over Brexit.